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## Hansen takes command of 332nd AEW

Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

332nd AEW/PA

The 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing welcomed the second wing commander of the unit's history at Balad during a change of command ceremony Wednesday.

Shortly after noon, Brig. Gen. (Sel.) Blair Hansen assumed command of the 332nd AEW from Brig. Gen. Marke Gibson.

Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander, was the presiding officer during the ceremony.

As the ceremony began, General Buchanan explained the significance of the ceremony.

"Today, with our coalition partners, we are locked in a noble struggle to bring freedom to an oppressed people," General Buchanan said. "As we see the effort to its successful conclusion, air power is being called on in new and unique ways, and Balad is vital to our efforts."

The general went on to explain how much Balad has progressed since General Gibson first set foot here more than nine months ago.

"Under his leadership, A-10s and F-16s successfully carried out more than 2,000 combat missions, providing life saving close air support for ground troops under fire."

Before passing the wing's guidon over to Colonel Hansen, General Gibson gave some part-



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Cohen Young

**Lt. Gen. Walter E. Buchanan III, (left) 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces commander, hands over the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing guidon to Brig. Gen. (Sel.) Blair Hansen, the new wing commander, during a change of command ceremony Wednesday.**

ing words to his troops.

"Although I planned a long and eloquent speech for you today, I came to my senses and realized there were only two things I really needed to say - thank you and I'm proud of you," he said. "To my brothers in arms a very special thank you... your friendship, cooperation and professionalism continues to humble me."

The general added: "(This) leads me to my last and most important point - how proud I am

of each and every one of you and what a distinct honor it has been to serve alongside this distinguished group of warriors."

After taking the guidon from General Buchanan, Colonel Hansen accepted command of the 332nd AEW and spoke to his new unit.

"This is a tough business out here," he said as he glanced over some of his new troops out in the audience. "Many times the days are long and the conditions are

harsh, yet it always impresses me how people always end up coming back."

He also said he hopes to further improve the joint relationship at Balad during his one-year tour.

Colonel Hansen was formerly the commander of the 366th Fighter Wing, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. He is a command pilot with more than 3,300 flying hours in fighter aircraft, including over 100 combat missions.

# Loose lips sink ships...

## 332nd Intelligence Squadron explains importance of maintaining OPSEC

1st Lt. Shannon Lehmkuhl

332nd EOSS

We're all doing extraordinary jobs, seeing and experiencing things we'll probably never see or experience again. And, if you're like me, you want to write home and tell mom, dad and friends all about those experiences.

But you can't.

The Anti-Iraqi Forces out there want every tidbit of information they can get on us and sending that kind of information can jeopardize operational security.

Below are some basic OPSEC countermeasures that we can all use to help deny the adversary what they're looking for.

❑ Properly destroy sensitive information - including rosters, schedules, cargo manifests, appointment letters, etc.

❑ Guard against calls to obtain sensitive information. Know who you are talking to.

❑ Don't transmit sensitive information via telephone, fax, e-mail or radio. This includes: pictures of military equipment or operations, attack information, numbers of people, planes, cargo, etc.

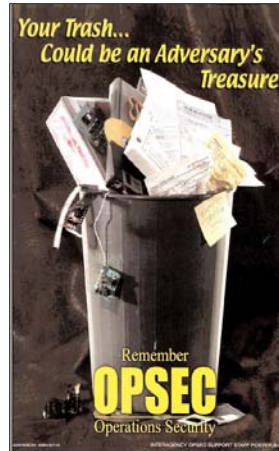
❑ Don't discuss sensitive information in public. Be aware of the local nationals and third country nationals. You don't know where their true loyalties lie.

❑ Limit distribution of sensitive information.

❑ Avoid posting or displaying sensitive information.

❑ Don't leave lap-top computers unattended in public places. This could provide access to rosters, schedules, cargo manifests and other close-hold information.

The enemy is not stupid and can get



information from just about anything.

What you say on the phone, in an e-mail, or just something in the background of a photo you sent Mom and Dad might just be the missing "piece of the puzzle" they need to finish an attack plan.

Remember information can be collected through monitoring radio and telephone conversations, analyzing telephone directories,

financial or purchasing documents, travel documents, distributions lists, shipping and analyzing personal photos.

*Editor's Note: Photos taken at Balad Air Base, or LSA Anaconda MUST be cleared by a public affairs officer before distribution, or leaving the AOR.*

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located inside 332nd AEW Headquarters and pick up some ....**

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# American C-17 airlifts Iraqi child to Hungarian hospital

Story and photos by  
Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

332nd AEW/PA

Medics from the 379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron helped airlift a 13-year-old Iraqi to Budapest, Hungary, recently.

A dozen crewmembers aboard a C-17 Globemaster III helped transport Abbas Jabbar, who was injured last month when he ran in front of a Hungarian convoy patrolling near Baghdad.

After the accident May 16, the boy was rushed to the 31st Combat Support Hospital at Baghdad International Airport.

Col. Peter Doby, who served as the chief of operations within Multi-National Force-Iraq in Baghdad and eventually became the child's caretaker, said the boy's life was clinging by a thread when he first arrived at the military hospital.

"(He) was in pretty bad shape," the colonel said. "He had a fractured skull and a compound fracture to his right leg. He was also on a respirator."

At one point, Colonel Doby said, the boy had to be revived.

As the boy's condition slowly stabilized, Hungarian officials discussed the possibility of transporting Jabbar to Hungary for surgery and rehabilitation, but realized the Hungarian government lacked the aircraft and qualified staff necessary to get Jabbar to a Hungarian hospital.

Colonel Doby, who grew up in Hungary, bridged talks between Hungarian and American officials working to arrange the boy's transport to Budapest for surgery and rehabilitation.

"I've been in Air Mobility Command since 1982, so I thought I could do something," said Colonel Doby, who is vice commander of the 433rd Airlift Wing, at his home station of Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.



**SMILE:** Abbas Jabbar, a 13-year-old Iraqi, gives a smile as he is transported into a Hungarian ambulance at Budapest International Airport June 12.

**MOVING ALONG:** Tech. Sgt. Shane Larson, 379th Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, prepares to move Abbas Jabbar, while Elizabeth Charbaji, the boy's Hungarian caretaker, interprets for the medical staff. Tech. Sgt. Larson is deployed from the 153rd Airlift Wing in Cheyenne, Wyo.



Arranging the mission required coordination all the way up to, and approval by, the Secretary of Defense.

Once this effort was successful, Colonel Doby spoke with the boy's parents through an interpreter before the mission kicked off June 12.

The parents gave the colonel permission to take the boy to Hungary and told him: "This is God's will."

Colonel Doby promised the family that he would get the boy to Hungary safely and if possible, escort him back to Iraq after recovery.

Not long after the parents gave permission, the colonel and aeromedical staff at the 31st CSH prepared to fly the boy to Balad Air Base, Iraq, where they would

wait for a C-17 to take them to their final destination.

The two flew from Baghdad International Airport to Balad aboard a UH-60 medical helicopter piloted by a crew from the U.S. Army's 82nd Medical Battalion and waited for their aircraft at the 332nd Contingency Aero-medical Staging Facility at Balad.

Several hours later, the C-17 carrying the 379th EAES crew arrived and the flight over Hungary began.

Master Sgt. Theresa Sheheen and Tech. Sgt. Shane Larson, both from the Wyoming Air National Guard, were two of the aeromedical evacuation technicians aboard the flight.

Using only a primitive form of sign language, the two tried to comfort Jabbar as he experienced

his first airplane ride.

Three hours later, the flight touched down at Budapest International Airport, Hungary.

Hungarian medical technicians and the two Guard Airmen helped carry Jabbar out of the aircraft into an ambulance for the trip to the Budapest Central Military Hospital.

Before the doors closed behind him, Jabbar gave everyone a smile and thumbs up.

Looking back on the experience, Sergeant Larson said he was glad to help transport the boy because it shows Iraqis that the Coalition partners are here to help.

"This kind of operation is great because it makes the time spent over here worthwhile," he said. "This shows the citizens that we are here for them."

# Iraqi Freedom mission brings American home to Hungary

By Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

332nd AEW/PA

When Peter Doby was 5 years old, Soviet tanks were patrolling his neighborhood.

It was late 1956 and the Soviet Union had just started its brutal counteroffensive against insurgents of the Hungarian Revolution.

At times, Peter and his family had to rush into their basement because artillery and gunfire were tearing into neighbors' houses.

Peter's father, Elmer, had to leave the country because he feared for his life. Peter eventually left several years later and reunited with his father living in the United States.

Now, more than 40 years later, the Air Force colonel revisited his homeland after completing a special humanitarian mission from Iraq to Hungary earlier this month.

The reservist from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, visited with a number of his cousins during a five-day layover in Budapest.

Istvan Viz, one of Peter's cousins, invited the colonel to stay at his home on the "Buda," or right side of the Danube River in Budapest.

Mr. Viz, who was partially paralyzed after a car accident in 1993, said he was glad to see his older cousin once again.

While the two cousins and Viz's caretaker, Eva Strom, ate Hungarian apple soup and Weiner schnitzel, stories of a distant child-



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

**Col. Peter Doby (center) visits with friends and family June 14 after completing his four-month tour in Baghdad.**

hood resurfaced.

The two cousins shared a laugh as they remembered back to a time when the two sneaked into a local winery.

"We always used to play together and get into a lot of mischief," Colonel Doby said about his early childhood. "We climbed on top of a few wine barrels, opened the corks and drank out of the testers until we got drunk. I eventually passed out."

After that, the colonel explained that it would take more than two years for the young boy to go near another flask of wine without feeling nauseous.

The colonel took another trip down memory lane when he visited the Gyermekvasút, or Children's Railroad.

Started in the late 1940's, the Children's Railroad was a unique railway on the outskirts of Budapest run almost entirely by children.

When the colonel was a teenager, he worked on the same railroad, and said it has changed very little since he worked there.

"This was my favorite part of the ride," he said as the train passed through a dark tunnel in a hillside. "The best assignment was getting to ride on the train."

Coincidentally, the colonel also ran into one of his friends who worked with him on the railway while serving in Iraq. Colonel Doby explained the two ran into each other during a meeting and a Hungarian soldier asked: "Did you work on the Children's Railroad."

The colonel shared some of his stories from Iraq with his family before getting a phone call from his mother, Ida, living in Miami, Fla. He told his mother about the humanitarian mission he had helped orchestrate days before.

Mrs. Doby said she was proud of her son's accomplishment, but wasn't surprised that he would do so much to help one person.

When Mr. Viz was seriously hurt in the car accident while visiting the states, Colonel Doby helped get his cousin's children back to their mother in Hungary by himself.

"He's good at doing these kind of things," she explained. "Peter is a very conscientious person who likes helping people."

## A trip back to the past...



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake



**KIDS:** Peter Doby (right) salutes as a train passes through the Hungarian Children's Railroad on the outskirts of Budapest more than 40 years ago. Doby and dozens of other Hungarian children managed railroad operations with minimal adult supervision.  
**PAST:** Col. Peter Doby revisits the railroad June 14.





## PUBLIC HEALTH NOTE

"Public Health Note" is a column that answers frequently asked public health questions. Submit questions to [public.health@BLAB.aor-centaf.af.mil](mailto:public.health@BLAB.aor-centaf.af.mil).

**Q**: The last few days my buddy's feet have been itching. I think he might have athlete's foot? What can I do to make sure I don't get skin problems?

**A**: Athlete's foot is usually characterized by peeling, cracking and scaling skin that is often accompanied by redness, blisters, itching and burning. If it progresses from athlete's foot to a bacterial infection (like staphylococcus or streptococcus) symptoms worsen and inflamed red clusters of bumps, sometimes with scaly skin at the edges, arise.

Wash feet daily with soap and water followed by complete drying of feet, especially between the toes.

❑ Wear shower shoes when visiting the latrines/showers.

❑ Don't go to bed with socks on. This allows feet to "breathe" each day.

❑ Change to a clean pair of socks daily. If feet get wet or perspire heavily, change to a clean pair of dry socks.

❑ Regularly use foot powder containing an effective antifungal on the feet particularly between the toes.

❑ If athlete's foot appears (itchy, red skin), self treat with Lamisil™ or Tinactin™. From our experience, Lamisil™ is more effective, but costs a little more.

If athlete's foot doesn't improve within 4-5 days, report to EMEDS sick call for care.

On a walk-in basis, we see patients from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon. No appointments are taken or necessary.

Presently, EMEDS is located in a small tent just off the large parking lot adjacent to the T-Town security checkpoint. We're a stones throw from the finance trailer and communication squadron facility and across the street from the PAX terminal.

For medical advice by phone call us at 458-1242.

## Meet your neighbor



**Airman 1st Class Japhia Bowman**

Home station: Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska

Unit: 332nd AEW/CP

Arrived in the AOR: June 3

Family: Daughter, Desireé and son, Cameron

Hobbies: Going to the gym, playing cards, reading

How do I contribute to the mission? I warn everyone of attacks and provide other important information on land-mobile radios and the base giant voice system.

What is my favorite aspect of this deployment? This is a new learning opportunity for me to further explore my career field.

Besides my family, what do I miss back home? The beautiful weather and my car.

# Chapel sponsors humanitarian drive for Iraqi children

**Airman 1st Class Noah Wells**

*332nd AEW/Chapel*

The Tuskegee Chapel is sponsoring a humanitarian drive for the local Iraqi children.

Many Iraqi children lack the basic necessities of life, and cannot afford toys or school supplies.

One of the benefits of our mission here in Iraq is that we can demonstrate God's love by providing a tangible token of America's

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**Volunteers are needed to sort donations. To volunteer, call the T-Town Chapel staff at 458-1633.**

concern for their well-being.

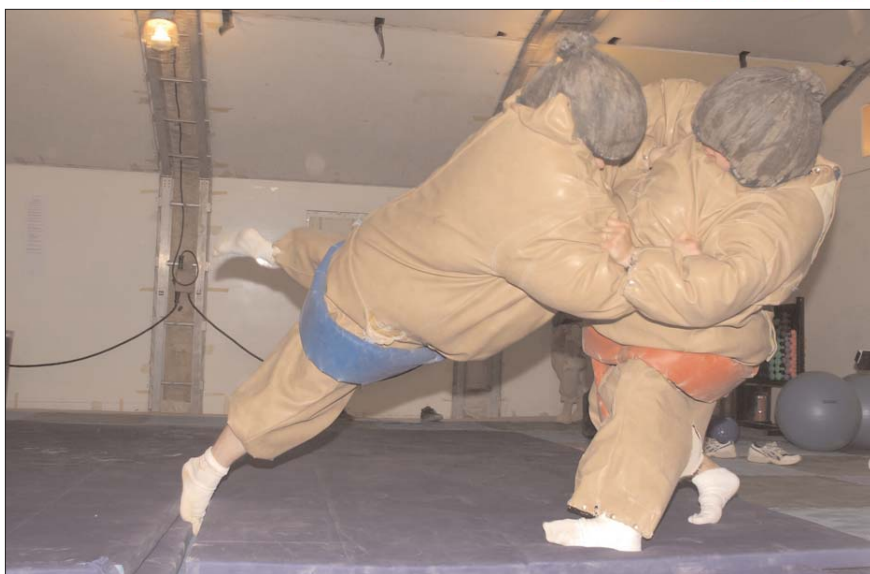
This humanitarian drive needs both donations and volunteers.

Throughout our deployment the chapel

will accept donations of new or gently used clothes, shoes, school supplies, coloring books, children's books, toys, sunscreen, bug spray, and toiletries.

We need your help in order for this drive to be successful. Please remember that any packages received from stateside should be addressed specifically to an individual, not to the chapel or a specific unit.

Thank you in advance for your spirit of service and sacrifice for this important cause.



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Norris

Staff Sergeant Travis Arthofer, 332nd Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Airman First Class Jeremy Barr, 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, face each other in a sumo matchup. Prizes were awarded to the winners of each category of the Sports Day events Sunday.

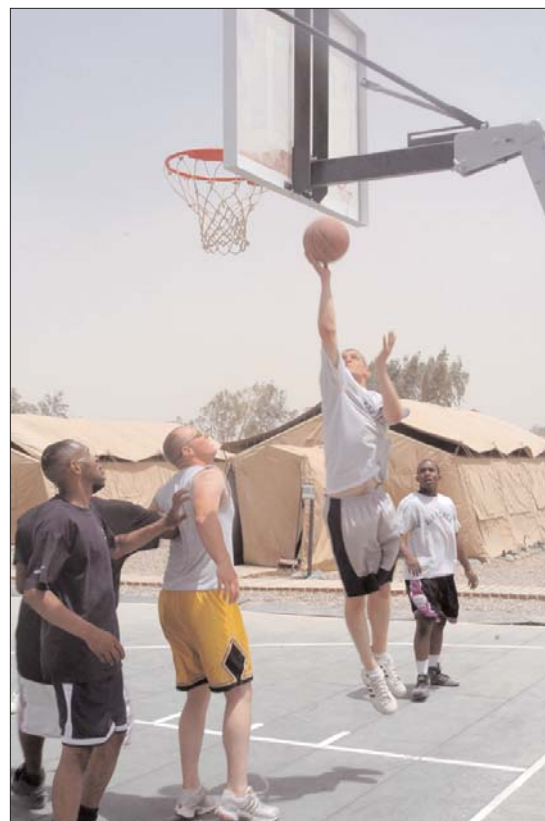


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Airman Thomas Campos, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, extends out to make a game saving point during a volleyball game on Sports Day.

**LAYUP:** Airman First Class Derrick Oase of 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron drives in for a layup.

**TOSS:** Staff Sergeant Benjamin Baldwin, 332nd Expeditionary Services Squadron, competes in the football toss competition.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Cohen Young



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Heather Norris

Baladians come together for:

# SPORTS DAY



## President calls contractor murder enemy's 'evil nature'

Gerry J. Gilmore

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — President Bush called the reported murder of a U.S. civilian contractor working in Saudi Arabia "the evil nature of the enemy we face."

Paul M. Johnson Jr., 49, who worked for Lockheed Martin as an engineer specializing in Apache helicopter systems, was kidnapped June 12. U.S. officials confirmed that Johnson's body was found June 18 near the Saudi capital city of Riyadh.

Reports say the contractor had been beheaded.

In Washington State this afternoon after an earlier visit with soldiers at Fort Lewis, Bush offered his condolences to Johnson's family.

"The murder of Paul shows the evil nature of the enemy we face -- these are barbaric people," Bush said.

"There's no justification, whatsoever" for Johnson's murder he emphasized, adding, "they killed him in cold blood."

It's imperative, Bush declared, to pursue terrorists and bring them to justice "before they hurt other Americans."

Through acts like Johnson's killing, terrorists "are trying to shake our will and get us to retreat from the world," Bush pointed out.

"America will not retreat," the president vowed. "America will not be intimidated."

On June 15 Johnson's captors -- who claimed to be associated with al Qaeda -- reportedly had given a 72-hour ultimatum to Saudi authorities to release political prisoners. The contractor would die, the terrorists promised, if their demands weren't met. Both the American and Saudi governments have pledged not to negotiate with terrorists.

Due to increased terrorist actions in the Saudi kingdom in recent weeks, the U.S. State Department has recommended that Americans living in Saudi Arabia leave that country.

## Defense briefs

### Airman charged with murder

SAN ANTONIO -- A staff sergeant at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., is being held in the nearby Montgomery County Jail after being charged with murder. Staff Sgt. Russell Booth, of the 42nd Security Forces Squadron, allegedly shot and killed his wife, Wyndelyn Scogin Booth, during a domestic dispute in their home June 12, said Lt. Huey Thornton, a Montgomery police spokesman. Sergeant Booth is being held on a \$50,000 bond while awaiting trial. If he is found guilty, he faces up to life in prison.

### F-15 crashes in Nevada

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. -- An Air Force F-15 Eagle crashed at about 11 a.m. June 18 on the nearby Nevada Test and Training Range during a training mission. The aircraft was assigned to the Weapons School here. The pilot successfully ejected, and he was taken to the hospital here for evaluation. An interim safety board of officers will investigate the accident.

### Tech., master promotion rate nearly same as last year

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Air Force officials have selected 6,217 of 23,956 eligible technical sergeants for promotion to master sergeant, a 25.95-percent selection rate; and 9,114 of 42,248 eligible staff sergeants for promotion to technical sergeant, a 21.57-percent selection rate. The master sergeant selection rate rose .39 percentage points from last year, while this year's technical sergeant rate dropped .32 percentage points from last year. The complete list of selectees will be posted to the Air Force Personnel Center's Web page today at [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom).

### Officials take second look at 'Code-C' limitations

WASHINGTON -- Following a review of the new force-shaping policy, Air Force officials rescinded the enlisted date-of-separation rollback for Airmen with an assignment limitation code "C." Feedback from around the Air Force regarding the policy was part of what made leaders reconsider, Air Force officials said.

# Utility uniform feedback survey, PT gear coming

Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's first physical training uniform will hit the street later this year, and a Web site for Airmen to provide feedback on the proposed utility uniform will be online July 1.

Feedback on the proposed utility uniform has been excellent so far, but an Internet survey will give all Airmen a chance to voice their opinion, said Senior Master Sgt. Jacqueline Dean of the Air Force Uniform Board.

Sergeant Dean said people who have worn or actually seen the uniform have given high marks for its permanent press feature and how well it fits. The uniform's color scheme, initial-

ly met with skepticism, is more accepted now.

"Color continues to be a big concern of Airmen," she said.

Sergeant Dean said Air Force military clothing sales stores will begin displaying the utility uniforms in July, around the same date the new Internet survey goes online.

"We're encouraging people to not give us their feedback until they've had the opportunity to see the uniform," Sergeant Dean said.

Besides color and style, Airmen will notice the new uniform features an eight-point hat, no squadron or major command patches and no shine suede boots.

If approved, the utility uniform will likely have a five-year phase-in period, Sergeant Dean said. The new PT uniform, however, has

already been approved by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper and will soon be in active service.

"We did a wear and fit test from January through March," Sergeant Dean said. "They've gone out to manufacturers and should be in full production by the end of June."

The PT uniform ensemble consists of dark blue running shorts, a gray T-shirt and a dark blue running suit — all with reflective safety markings.

Sergeant Dean said the goal was to have enough PT uniforms by Oct. 1 to supply Airmen scheduled for immediate deployment. After that requirement is met, the uniforms will be available for purchase through Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

## T-Town Chapel Schedule

### Sundays:

Protestant Religious Education, 8 a.m.  
Protestant Worship, 9 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.  
Catholic Mass, 10:30 a.m.  
LDS Sacrament meeting, 7 p.m.  
LDS S.S., 8 p.m.

### Tuesdays:

Catholic Mass, 7 p.m.  
Catholic Discussion Group, 8 p.m.

### Wednesdays:

Purpose Driven Life, 8 p.m.

### Thursdays:

LDS Study Group, 7 p.m.

### Fridays:

Catholic Mass, 5:30 p.m.  
Women's Fellowship, 7 p.m.

### Saturdays:

Protestant Communion, 7 p.m.

### Daily:

Band of Brothers (Men's Fellowship), 8:30 a.m.

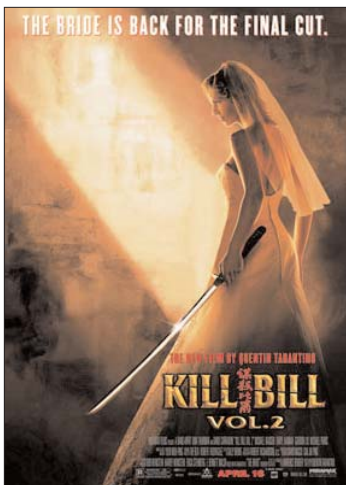
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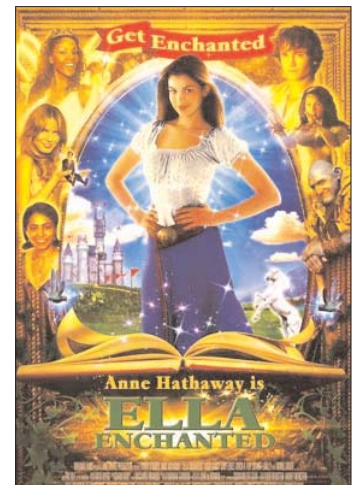
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# Sustainer Movie Schedule



Movie schedule is subject to change

Today 3 p.m. - Evy	Sunday 3 p.m. - Ella Enchanted	Carla
6 p.m. - Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	6 p.m. - Garfield	9 p.m. - Kill Bill, Vol. 2
9 p.m. - Garfield	9 p.m. - Evy	Wednesday 3 p.m. - Kill Bill, Vol. 2
Saturday 3 p.m. - Garfield	Monday 3 p.m. - Kill Bill, Vol. 2	6 p.m. - Garfield
6 p.m. - Ella Enchanted	6 p.m. - Evy	9 p.m. - Evy
9 p.m. - Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	9 p.m. - Ella Enchanted	Thursday 3 p.m. - Ella Enchanted
	Tuesday 3 p.m. - Garfield	6 p.m. - Kill Bill Vol. 2
	6 p.m. - Connie &	9 p.m. - Garfield



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